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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7
8 DISTRICT OF OREGON – PORTLAND DIVISION

9
10 WILLIAM WALTERS,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 U.S. Bank, N.A., and DOES 1 through 100
14 inclusive,

15 Defendants.

CASE NO. 3:18-cv-00957

PLAINTIFF’S COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES:

1. Violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act

16 COMES NOW Plaintiff William Walters an individual, based on information and belief,
17 to allege as follows:

18 **INTRODUCTION**

19 1. This is an action for damages brought by an individual consumer for Defendant’s
20 violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act 47 U.S.C. §227, *et seq.* (hereinafter
21 “TCPA”), which prohibits the use of automated dialing equipment when making calls to
22 consumers.

23 2. Plaintiff brings this action against Defendant US Bank, N.A. (hereinafter “US Bank”)
24 for its abusive and outrageous conduct in connection with debt collection activity.

25 3. While many violations are described below with specificity, this Complaint alleges
26 violations of the statutes cited in their entirety.

27 4. The TCPA was designed to prevent calls like the ones described herein, and to protect
28 the privacy of citizens like Plaintiff, and by enacting the TCPA, Congress intended to give

1 consumers a choice as to how corporate entities may contact them and to prevent the nuisance
2 associated with automated or prerecorded calls.

3 **JURISDICTION & VENUE**

4 5. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1337, and 1367, and 47 U.S.C. §
5 227.

6 6. This venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(b).

7 **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

8 7. Plaintiff William Walters (hereinafter “Plaintiff”) is an individual residing in the state
9 of Oregon, and is a “debtor.”

10 8. At all relevant times herein, Defendant US Bank engaged, by the use of mail, email,
11 and telephone, in the business of collecting a debt from Plaintiff, and a “consumer debt.”

12 9. At all relevant times, Defendant acted as a “debt collector.”

13 10. Plaintiff opened an account with US Bank.

14 11. The account Plaintiff opened from Defendant US Bank was related primarily to
15 personal, family or household purposes and is therefore a “debt.”

16 12. Defendant US Bank has been attempting to collect on a debt that originated from
17 monetary credit that was extended primarily for personal, family, or household purposes, and
18 was therefore a “consumer credit transaction.”

19 13. Because Plaintiff, a natural person allegedly obligated to pay money to Defendant US
20 Bank arising from what Plaintiff is informed and believes was a consumer credit transaction,
21 the money allegedly owed was a “consumer debt.”

22 14. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant is one who regularly collects or
23 attempts to collect debts on behalf of themselves, and is therefore a “debt collector.”

24 15. Plaintiff’s account was an unsecured loan and Plaintiff began making payments on the
25 accounts.

26 16. Plaintiff began making payments on the account before he became financially unable
27 to keep up with the monthly payments.

28 17. Defendant US Bank began contacting Plaintiff in January of 2018 to inquire about the
status of the account and to collect on the payments that were no longer being made.

1 18. Plaintiff retained counsel to assist in dealing with US Bank debt and to seek some type
2 of financial relief.

3 19. Plaintiff sent a letter to US Bank on or about February 15, 2018 informing US Bank
4 that he was revoking any prior consent that may have been given to be contacted on his cellular
5 telephone.

6 20. Plaintiff believes his revocation letter was received by US Bank on February 20, 2018.

7 21. Plaintiff informed US Bank that he was revoking his consent, if it was ever previously
8 given, to be called on his telephone in February of 2018.

9 22. Plaintiff was frustrated that US Bank continued to make unsolicited calls on his
10 cellular telephone after contacting US Bank to revoke his consent.

11 23. Plaintiff denies he ever gave his express consent to be contacted on his cellular
12 telephone by automatic dialing machines and pre-recorded messages.

13 24. Defendant US Bank continued to contact Plaintiff between approximately February
14 20, 2018 – May 29, 2018; the type of contact was through phone calls to Plaintiff on his
15 cellular telephone.

16 25. Despite notice being sent Defendant continued to contact Plaintiff on his cellular
17 telephone regarding collection of his outstanding debt.

18 26. US Bank ignored Plaintiff's letter of revocation and continued to contact him for at
19 least two months following receipt of Plaintiff's letter.

20 27. US Bank's calls were frequent in nature and continued despite receiving written
21 confirmation that he was revoking any consent that may have been previously given to be
22 called on his cellular telephone.

23 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

24 (Violation of the TCPA)

25 (47 USC § 227)

26 (Against Defendant and Does 1-100)

27 28. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein the allegation in each and every paragraph
28 above as though fully set forth herein.

29 Since at least January of 2018 Defendant started calling Plaintiff's cellular telephone
30 requesting that payment be made on the accounts Plaintiff held with Defendant.

31 30. Plaintiff informed Defendant that he was revoking consent to be contacted by US Bank
in February of 2018.

31. US Bank continued to call Plaintiff frequently since Plaintiff withdrew his consent to be contacted by an automatic dialing machine.

32. Defendant would contact Plaintiff frequently regarding payment on the accounts.

33. Defendant placed the above cited calls using an artificial or prerecorded voice to deliver the collection messages without Plaintiff's prior express consent.

34. Defendant contacted Plaintiff on at least twenty (20) separate occasions after Plaintiff informed Defendant he did not wish to be contacted on his cellular telephone and withdrew any prior consent that may have been given.

35. All calls placed by Defendant to Plaintiff utilized an "automatic telephone dialing system" as defined by 47 U.S.C. §227(a)(1).

36. These calls were made to Plaintiff's cellular telephone and were not calls for an emergency purposed as defined by 47 U.S.C. §227(b)(1)(B).

37. These telephone calls by Defendant, or its agent, violated 47 U.S.C. §227(b)(1)(B).

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment as follows:

- a. An award of statutory damages of \$1,500.00 pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §227(b)(3)(C) for each and every violation.
- b. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §227(b)(3)(A), injunctive relief prohibiting such conduct in the future.
- c. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1692(k) both actual damages and statutory damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

Dated: May 30, 2018

By: **SAGARIA LAW, P.C.**
/s/ Kyle Schumacher
 Kyle Schumacher
 Attorneys for Plaintiff

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff hereby demands trial of this matter by jury.

Dated: May 30, 2018

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/s/ Kyle Schumacher
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